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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Room 222  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Aberdeen, Idaho.

Sincerely,

  
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Before the  
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In the matter of: )  
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b) )  
 ) RM-\_\_\_\_\_  
Table of Allotments )  
 )  
FM Broadcast Stations )  
 )  
(Aberdeen, Idaho)

**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 258C2 (99.5 Mhz) to Aberdeen, Idaho as its first local FM allotment.

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 258C2 (99.5 Mhz) to Aberdeen and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 258C2 to Aberdeen will have.

**DISCUSSION**

2. Aberdeen is located in Eastern Idaho. It is also located within Bingham County, a county of some 37,583 persons. Aberdeen has a population of 1406 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 258C2 to Aberdeen will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Aberdeen is located at American Falls, Idaho. American Falls is located 22 kilometers from Aberdeen.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Aberdeen is presently without local FM service.

4. Aberdeen would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 22 Kilometers of Aberdeen. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Aberdeen area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 258C2 can be allotted to Aberdeen and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

|                 | <u>Present</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Aberdeen, Idaho | -----          | 258C2           |

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 258C2 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 258C2 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study ( N 43 - 00' - 27", W. 112 - 41' - 54") are that of a site located 12.7 kilometers northeast of the community of Aberdeen. A site restriction of 12.7 kilometers northeast will be required to allot channel 258C2 to Aberdeen. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Aberdeen. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

### CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Aberdeen would benefit from the allotment of channel 258C2. It has also been shown that channel 258C2 can be allotted to Aberdeen and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 258C2 for Aberdeen, Idaho , 73.202.

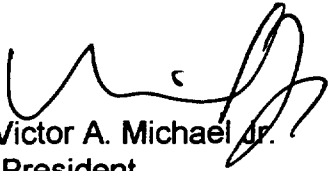
8. Should channel 258C2 be allotted to Aberdeen, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Aberdeen, Idaho.

## **CERTIFICATION**

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: December 20, 1998

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 258C2 (99.5 MHz), at N. 43 0 27, W. 112 41 54.

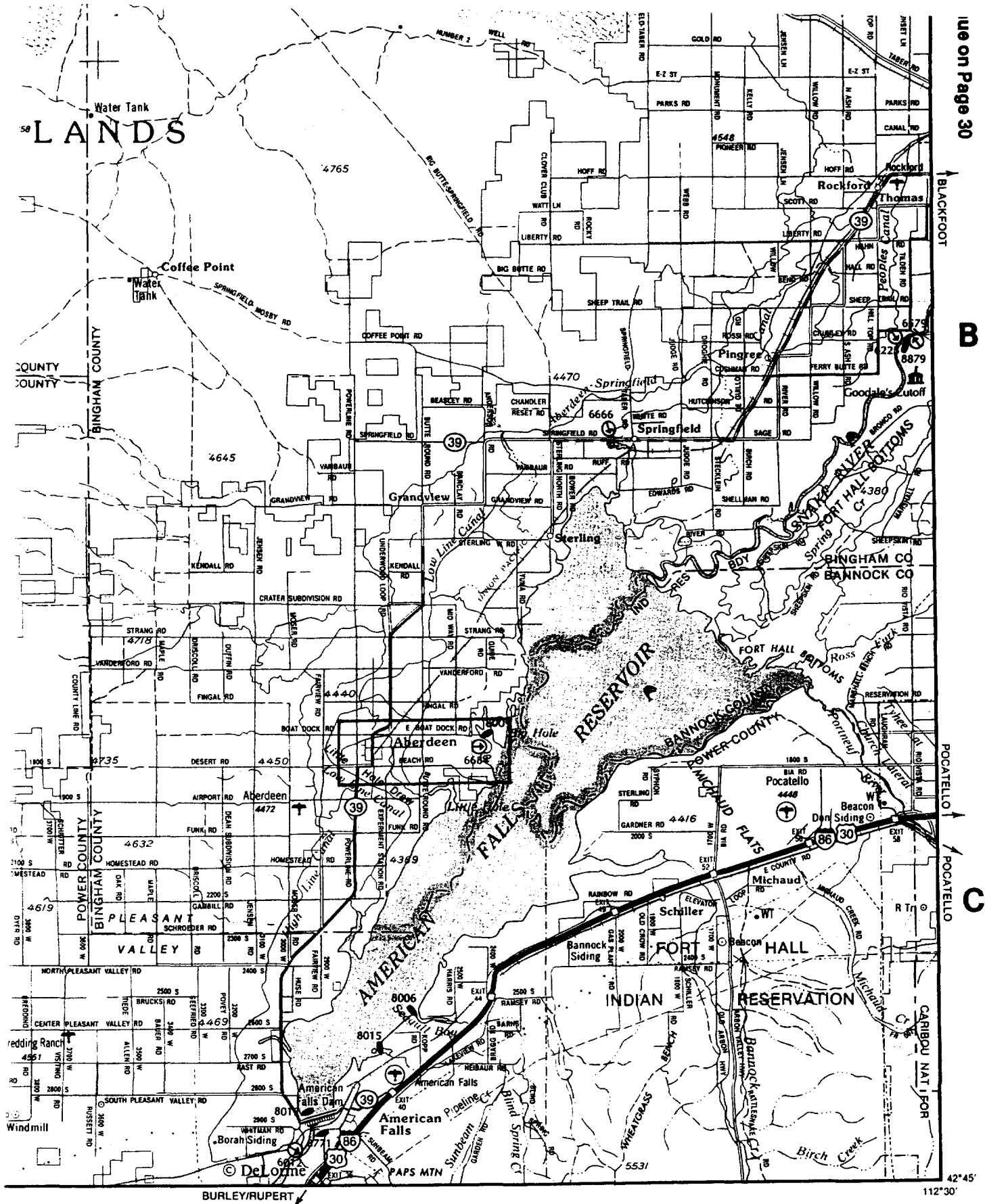
Searching Channel 258C2 (99.5 MHz):

| CALL   | CITY            | ST | CHN | CL | S | DIST  | SEPN  | BRNG   | CLEARANCE |
|--------|-----------------|----|-----|----|---|-------|-------|--------|-----------|
| K204AL | Pocatello, etc. | ID | 204 | D  | L | 21.2  | 0.0   | 134.5° | 21.2      |
| ALC    | Idaho Falls     | ID | 256 | C1 | U | 88.9  | 79.0  | 48.0°  | 9.9       |
| KUPI   | Idaho Falls     | ID | 256 | C1 | L | 88.9  | 79.0  | 48.0°  | 9.9       |
| ALC    | Bountiful       | UT | 258 | C  | U | 270.2 | 249.0 | 170.5° | 21.2      |
| KURR   | Bountiful       | UT | 258 | C  | L | 270.2 | 249.0 | 170.5° | 21.2      |
| ALC    | Burley          | ID | 260 | C  | U | 105.3 | 105.0 | 224.9° | 0.3       |
| KZDX   | Burley          | ID | 260 | C  | L | 105.4 | 105.0 | 240.1° | 0.4       |
| KZDX   | Burley          | ID | 260 | C  | L | 105.4 | 105.0 | 240.1° | 0.4       |
| KZDX   | Burley          | ID | 260 | C  | L | 105.3 | 105.0 | 224.9° | 0.3       |
| ALC    | Soda Springs    | ID | 261 | A  | U | 97.8  | 55.0  | 114.6° | 42.8      |
| KFIS   | Soda Springs    | ID | 261 | A  | L | 97.8  | 55.0  | 114.6° | 42.8      |

FIGURE 1  
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY  
ABERDEEN, IDAHO  
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING

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0,000  
3 4 miles

Contour interval  
400 feet (121.9 meters)

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